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In re the Application of: MIHARA, Toshiyuki, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1795

Serial No.: 10/593,644

Examiner: SALZMAN, Kourtney R.

Filed: September 21, 2006

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4916

For. **THERMOELECTRIC CONVERSION ELEMENT AND THERMOELECTRIC CONVERSION MODULE**

**COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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August 20, 2008

Sir:

In the Office action dated July 24, 2008, the Examiner states that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2008, fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(c), and that the IDS has not been considered.

Upon review of the file history in the PAIR system, Applicant has found that only one page of the IDS filing of March 11, 2008, the form PTO-1449, has been entered. However, the IDS filing of March 11, 2008, included three pages: two pages labeled as "Information Disclosure Statement and Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)" and one page of PTO-1449. The first two pages have apparently been lost by the USPTO.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2008, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement as filed and a copy of the stamped postcard indicating receipt of these papers by the USPTO are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner's assistance in addressing this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Communication to the Examiner

No fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated  
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March 11, 2008

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report dated December 14, 2007, citing these documents, is also enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry in the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

The undersigned hereby certifies

XX that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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